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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: Amitava Guha and William D. Nielsen, Jr. | | |) | Examiner: Nicole Coy |
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| For: | IMPROVED DIES FOR DIE CASTING ALUMINUM AND OTHER METALS | | Attorney Docket No.: 20721/04404)) | |

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of May 14, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 4, 13 and 14.

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. A tool for contacting a molten metal at elevated temperature, wherein the tool is made from an underaged Ni-Be alloy containing about 1.0 to less than 3.0 wt.% Be.

Add the following new claims:

15. In an apparatus for die casting metal parts from a metal selected from the group consisting of aluminum, aluminum alloy, magnesium, magnesium alloy, copper, copper alloy,